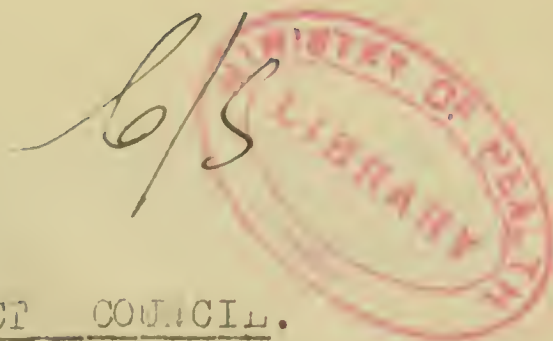


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CROOK AND WILLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Year Ended December, 31st. 1941.

Durham

To the Chairman and Members of the Crook and Willington
Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ministry of Health Circular No. 2604 of March 24th. states that the annual report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1941, is to be prepared on the lines indicated in circulars 2314 and 2067 dated 26th. March, 1941 and 19th. July, 1940, respectively.

I am further instructed not to publish complete tables of local populations nor to make any mention of activities in connection with War time industrial, military or other developements such as extensions to water supply, sewerage works or other public utility undertakings.

The health of the neighbourhood continued to be good during the whole of 1941. There was a marked reduction in the number of cases of measles, diphtheria and scarlet fever. The birth rate is 15.69 as compared with 14.76 the previous year, the death rate on the other hand, is 12.81 as compared with 14.61 the previous year.

I wish to thank all the Council officials for their help, and especially Mr. Omand, Mr. Ayton and Mr. Cummings. I also wish to thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your continued interest and encouragement.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FENWICK LISHMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

I give the number of infectious disease notifications during the year from which it will be noted that there have been no serious outbreaks of infectious diseases.

Disease.	INFECTIOUS DISEASES.		
	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	64	64	1
Diphtheria.	13	13	0
Measles.	105	0	1
Whooping Cough.	121	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	6	6	1
Pneumonia.	54	0	1
Erysipelas.	7	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	2	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	1	0

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the
Year 1941.

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year.

Disease	Under 1 yr.	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	85	Total.
Scarlet Fever.	-	5	7	3	26	9	12	2	-	-	-	-	64
Diphtheria.	-	1	1	-	5	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	13
Measles.	3	15	8	9	50	16	2	2	-	-	-	-	105
Whooping Cough.	13	32	20	24	28	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	121
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	6
Pneumonia.	7	9	2	2	1	1	4	6	4	14	4	-	54
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	7
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Typhoid Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate.	400	216	184
Illegitimate.	20	13	7

Birth-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 15.69

Still Births.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate.	16	6	10
Illegitimate.	1	1	0

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) - 16.32

Deaths.	Total.	Males.	Females.
	343	188	155

Death-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 12.81

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

	Death rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)	
Puerperal Sepsis.	2	4.58
Other Puerperal Causes.	<u>1</u>	<u>2.29</u>
	3	6.87

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births.	61.78
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births.	61.78
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births.	0

Deaths from Cancer.	(all ages)	39
Deaths from Measles.	(all ages)	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough	(all ages)	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea.	(under two years)	0

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males.	Females.
All Causes.	188	155
Diabetes.	0	2
Intracranial Vascular Lesions.	20	27
Heart Disease.	48	44
Other Circulatory Diseases.	4	6
Aneurysm.	0	0
Bronchitis.	10	5
Pneumonia (all forms)	4	8
Other Respiratory Diseases.	5	0
Peptic Ulcer.	2	0
Diarrhoea (under two years)	0	0
Appendicitis.	0	1
Cirrhosis of the Liver.	0	0
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever.	0	0
Measles.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Whooping Cough.	0	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Influenza.	1	2
Encephalitis Lethargica.	0	1
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	1	0
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.	9	5
Other forms of Tuberculosis.	2	3
Syphilis.	0	0
G.P.I. Tapes.	0	0
Cancer.	25	14
Other Liver Diseases.	0	0
Other Digestive Diseases.	3	2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis.	6	4
Puerperal Sepsis.	0	2
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, etc.	11	7
Senility.	0	0
Suicide.	1	1
Other Violence.	6	2
Other Defined Diseases.	0	0
Ill Defined Diseases.	0	0
Diarrhoea. (two years and over)	0	0
Road Traffic Accidents.	5	1
All other cases.	24	17

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1941.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 ...	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
15 ...	4	4	5	3	1	-	1	1
25 ...	2	1	-	-	3	2	-	-
35 ...	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	1
45 ...	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	-
55 ...	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 and up.	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Total.	11	7	5	7	8	5	1	2

